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1. WESTERN CAUCUS MT SEPT 29 TO CONSIDER OUTLINE OF STATEMENT ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP BY EC WHICH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK WILL MAKE AT OCTOBER 7 LUNCHEON MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. TEXT OF STATEMENT, WHICH COVERS (A) PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTER BETWEEN NOW AND ECE PLENARY IN MARCH 1976 AND (B) LISTS OF SPECIFIC AREAS WHERE ECE SUBSIDIARY BODIES MIGHT TAKE INITIATIVES, HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT BY AIRGRAM. DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. GENERAL FEELING OF CAUCUS WAS THAT STANOVNIK WAS ACTING PROPERLY IN STATEMENTS ON CSCE FOLLOWUP TO ECE SUBSIDIARY BODIES. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT HE HAD NEED OF GOVERNMENTS' VIEWS, ALTHOUGH OCTOBER 15 DEADLINE SET FORTH IN STANOVNIK'S LETTER OF AUGUST 25 WAS CONSIDERED UNREALISTIC. THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR DIALOGUE IN MEETINGS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND INFORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN STANOVNIK AND GENEVA PERMANENT REPS. IN LATTER REGARD, POLITE NOISES WOULD BE MADE AT OCTOBER 7 LUNCHEON, WITH MORE CONCRETE DISCUSSION AT MEETING IN LATE NOVEMBER. THIS WOULD GIVE GOVERNMENTS TIME TO CONSIDER STANOVNIK PROPOSALS AND DECIDE ON RE-

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QUESTED STAFF INCREASES WHILE STILL ALLOWING STANOVNIK TIM TO PRE-

PARE REPORT FOR 31ST SESSION OF EC.

3. CAUCUS DECIDED TO ESTABLISH INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO COMPARE STANOVNIK PROPOSALS WITH CSCE FINAL ACT AND WORK PROGRAMS OF ECE SUBSIDIARY BODIES. REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN AVAILABLE, PROBABLY IN MID-OCTOBER.

4. AT OPENING MEETING OF ECE COMMITTEE ON WATER PROBLEMS SEPTEMBER 29, STANOVNIK SUGGESTED THAT CSCE FOLLOW-UP TAKE PLACE IN AREAS OF (A) LONG TERM PROGRAMS AND PLANS, (B) ECONOMICS OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, (C) PROTECTION OF WATER-RELATED ENVIRONMENT, (D) COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND INTENSIFICATION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND (E) INTEGRATION OF WORK OF WATER COMMITTEE WITH THAT OF OTHER ECE SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN WATER-RELATED FIELDS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, TIMBER, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, AND REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION BY ECE TO UN GLOBAL EFFORTS. SETTING FORTH DRAMATIC REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW WATER RESOURCES REQUIRED BY RAPIDLY EXPANDING WORLD POPULATION, STANOVNIK ASSERTED THAT PRESENT SITUATION WAS ONE OF "RELATIVE OVERLOAD." HE CALLED FOR STUDIES AND GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE CONSERVATION, OPTIMUM PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFECTIVENESS, BALANCE BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL FACTORS, POLLUTION CONTROL, AND HIGHER PRIORITY FOR RESEARCH, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING NON-CONVENTIONAL WATER RESOURCES AND WATER TREATMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT STUDY MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN IN ECE REGION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF ECONOMIC POLICY INSTRUMENTS IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES. THROUGHOUT, STANOVNIK SAID, MAJOR TREND SHOULD BE IN DIRECTION OF CONCRETE FORMS OF COOPERATION SUCH AS JOINT RESEARCH, JOINT WORK ON MANAGEMENT OF RIVERS CROSSING NATIONAL BOUNDARIES, AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON POLLUTION CONTROL.DALE

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